

WELS COMMISSION ON LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Summer 2024



WELS Education Conference
JUNE 23-25, 2025 • GREEN BAY WI

Save the Date! WELS Education Conference 2025

Mark your calendars for **June 23-25, 2025** for the next WELS Education Conference in Green Bay, WI. Doug Lemov, author of bestseller *Teach like a Champion* will headline this exciting event. Visit welsedconference.com for conference news and updates.

Quick Links

CLS e-News - wels.net/subscribe

Lutheran Schools Resource Center
cls.welsrc.net

facebook.com/WELSSchools
instagram.com/wels_schools

The Administrators Google group "adminmail" is for principals and directors to ask questions and share information. Send an e-mail to lutheranschools@wels.net to request an invitation.

Congregational Services
welscongregationalservices.net

lutheranschools@wels.net for questions or assistance with resources.

Dates to Remember

Aug. 20, 2024	School statistics form opens
Sept. 1, 2024	Profile and synod yearbook updates due Payment window for Annual Support, PowerSchool, NWEA, WELSSA, WCRIS opens
Sept. 27, 2024	School statistics entries due
Oct. 15, 2024	Call window for actively serving teachers opens
Nov. 1, 2024	Payments for Powerschool, NWEA, WELSSA, WCRIS due (see page 3)
April 15, 2025	Call window for actively serving teachers closes
June 23-25, 2025	WELS Education Conference - Green Bay, WI
June 30, 2025	WELSSA ASAR/SIP Reports for 24-25 due

An electronic version of this packet with hyperlinks is available at
cls.welsrc.net/download-cls/general-documents

Please share this important information with your staff.

Resources



Heart Imprints

This resource provides ideas for your children's message that will coordinate with the church year and Sunday worship planning. It consists of a Bible reading, an object lesson outline that articulates the law and gospel, and a suggested order of service. Visit cls.welsrc.net/heartimprints.



WELS Devotions

WELS publishes daily devotions and Bible readings, teen devotions, early childhood educator, and family devotions. Sign-up at wels.net/subscribe, and share with your school families.



Kids Connection

Celebrating 30 years! Kids Connection shares stories about people, places, and programs around WELS. Learn more and start your subscription at wels.net/kids-connection.

Congregational Services Resource Center

WELS Congregational Services exists to encourage and equip congregations for faithful and fruitful gospel ministry. Bible studies, worship planning, youth events, stewardship, and more resources at welscongregationalservices.net.

Consulting Services

Contact Jim Sievert at James.Sievert@wels.net to arrange consulting services.

Amazing Grace Virtual Academy

Amazing Grace Virtual Academy (AGVA) exists to facilitate the offering of quality online courses taught from a scriptural perspective. AGVA is fully accredited and offers 40 courses to serve middle school and high school students. Visit amazinggraceva.org for more details, or contact Dave Rust at david.rust@amazinggraceva.org.

Synod Sub Rate

Synod substitution rate for teachers in the 2024-25 school year is \$112/day.

Teacher Call Window

The window for calling active teachers from the field begins on **October 15, 2024** and runs through **April 15, 2025**.

- Teacher call list requests are submitted electronically at wels.net/callrequest.
- Request forms must be complete and submitted at least 14 days prior to the requested call meeting. Calling bodies should use the two weeks to prepare all items for the call packet electronically, so that the call and accompanying documents may be e-mailed to the candidate called within 12 hours of the meeting.
- Remember to include compensation information using the compensation calculator: cwcompcalc.wels.net.

WELSSA Schools

If you are in a new leadership role at a WELSSA school this year, please contact Abby.Truss@wels.net for access to your School Improvement Plan for the year.

A word about Lutheran Schools Annual Support

The work of CLS is funded only in part by Synod allocation of congregational mission offerings. Lutheran Schools Annual Support is an opportunity for your school to walk together with over 400 fellow WELS schools in our joint commitment to offering gospel centered education.

Schools who make an Annual Support payment are eligible for a complimentary school counselor visit, discounts on PowerSchool training and annual per student fees, WELSSA annual fees, and select conferences and events.

Supporting schools also receive a complimentary subscription to Vector Solutions training. This resource provides contributing schools with access to training courses for compliance with health, safety, and environmental issues such as blood borne pathogens, mandatory reporting, bullying prevention, and many more. See the included flier.

Annual Support and Subscription Fees

Please do not pay until you receive your school's invoice worksheet (after September 1).

Lutheran Schools Annual Support per student

LHS Grades 9-12	4.00
LES Grades K-8	7.50
ECM Infant - 4K (Full-Time Equivalent)	7.50

Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools (WCRIS) per student, WI schools only

Grades 4K-12	5.00
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PowerSchool/ SchoolMessenger per student

PowerSchool	18.50
SchoolMessenger	1.76

WELSSA – Annual Fee per school

CLS Supporter: 1-99 Students	200
Non-Supporter: 1-99 Students	400
CLS Supporter: 100+ Students	300
Non-Supporter: 100+ Students	600

NWEA MAP Testing per student

MAP Growth	13.50
MAP Science	2.50
MAP Reading Fluency	7.00
MAP Accelerator	11.25

Visit cls.welsrc.net/partners_and_group_purchasing for other recommended third party vendors. Mention you are a WELS school when contracting services to receive any available discounts.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS PURCHASING SITE:

We are launching a NEW purchasing website for WELS Lutheran Schools payments!

Updates include ability to purchase Lutheran Schools Annual Support and discounted WELSSA or PowerSchool fees in a single transaction and option to pay with electronic check.

A customizable invoice worksheet will be emailed in late August when your 2024-25 school enrollment is known.

If you have any questions, contact the CLS office at 414-259-4354 or e-mail lutheranschools@wels.net.

NWEA Testing Update

CLS is finalizing a contract with NWEA to assist schools who do not meet the newly imposed 120 student MAP Growth license minimum. Our office will prepay NWEA for these smaller schools and then bill them accordingly. **If your school has been using MAP but are discontinuing use for 2024-2025 please advise lutheranschools@wels.net immediately so we do not pay licensing for your school.** Schools with MAP Growth enrollment of 120 students or more will be invoiced directly by NWEA.

School Mission Project Opportunities

Kids c.a.r.e.

The kids c.a.r.e. (care about reaching everyone with the gospel) program is designed to teach children about mission outreach. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society's kids c.a.r.e. project for 2024-25 is Antigua: St. John's Church and School!



St. John's Lutheran School opened in 1974 and currently serves children in preschool through Grade 6. Your gifts will provide general support to St. John's Lutheran Church and School as they reach out with the gospel message to the children and families they serve.

Free materials are available at lwms.org/kidscare including: instruction letter, poster, offering box template, parent trifold brochure, and a poster coloring sheet. There are three levels of lesson plans: PreK-Grade 1 (non-readers), lower-level (Grades 2-5) and upper-level (Grades 6-8). Each level has two lesson plans, designed to be integrated with the Christ Light curriculum, and will contain age-appropriate enrichment activities, such as music, crafts, recipes, and activity sheets.

WELS Special Ministries

Special Ministries mission projects can support the spread of the gospel, while also giving school children or other groups the opportunity to learn about the challenges of participating in your church. Special Ministries projects help students understand that some people in your church or neighborhood need extra help to be part of worship.

Visit wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/special-ministries for additional information and to request resources. To connect with any of these ministries and receive help for your mission projects, contact specialministries@wels.net or 414-256-3241.

A City for God - Chaplains in Schools

Discipling for Christ, and working with schools, students, and communities toward the goals of spiritual resilience and community building and growth. acityforgod.org.

The Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS) exists to guide and assist WELS congregations in advancing the gospel of Jesus by providing resources, training, and personal assistance for starting and strengthening Lutheran schools.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief

WELS Christian Aid and Relief is sponsoring Community Care and Compassion Grants. Sponsor an activity through your school to show Christ's love and care to the people in your community. Plan an activity such as encouraging cards with gifts or treats for first responders, a community food drive hosted at your church and school, a seminar on mental health topics for the community, provide meals at a shelter, or an idea that your students dream up. Grant information and application available at wels.net/relief or contact Pastor Dan Sims, Administrator of WELS Christian Aid and Relief at daniel.sims@wels.net.

Mission Resources for Your School

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) and WELS Missions prepares a Home and World Missions Projects Booklet meant to outline projects for which prayers, encouragement, and gifts are truly needed. This is a great tool to use when deciding which WELS Missions projects to support through your school. To view and download the most recent edition of the booklet, visit missions.welsrc.net.

Short-term Mission Trip Opportunities

WELS Mission Journeys, short-term mission trips, provides an opportunity for high school students to walk together in the Great Commission. Visit wels.net/missionjourneys.

Taste of Missions

Taste of Missions, an annual hybrid event, shares various Moments with Missionaries videos, cooking tutorials and recipes, and other fun kid's activities that you could use in your classroom. Keep an eye out for information about the annual Taste of Missions School Challenge that occurs every spring. Find all of the videos and activities at tasteofmissions.com.

WELS Kingdom Workers

Volunteers are serving at home and around the world through Kingdom Workers. Visit kingdomworkers.com to see where they are serving and how you can help.

Lighthouse Youth Centers

Lighthouse Youth Center provides the community with a central location where youth can gather safely for recreational activities, receive assistance on their academic assignments, enjoy the positive influence of adult Christian mentors, and have opportunities to study and discuss the truths of Scripture. Visit lighthouseyouthcenter.com.